

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendment and issuance of this patent application are respectfully requested in view of the the following remarks. The amendment, which proposes to add new Claim 34, is fully supported by the original specification and claims; no new matter is added. Entry of this claim does not require any further consideration by the Examiner, as Claim 34 was previously presented as part of Claim 4, a multiple dependent claim, and was examined as such. Indeed, Claim 4 originally included, because it was multiply dependent from any of Claims 1-3, the exact literal scope of Claim 34, and was examined during this prosecution. Therefore, Claim 34 has already been examined, but its dependency was changed in the recent Examiner's Amendment; the re-introduction of the subject matter of Claim 34 into the application at this time thus is nothing more than a ministerial amendment which requires no new consideration whatsoever.

Amendments

Claim 34 has been added.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that this patent application is in condition for issuance, an early indication of which is respectfully solicited.

If Mr. Gangle believes that a telephone conference with the undersigned would expedite passage of the present patent application to issue, he is invited to call on the number below.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees necessitated by this paper, and to credit all refunds and overpayments, to our Deposit Account 50-2821.

Respectfully submitted,

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